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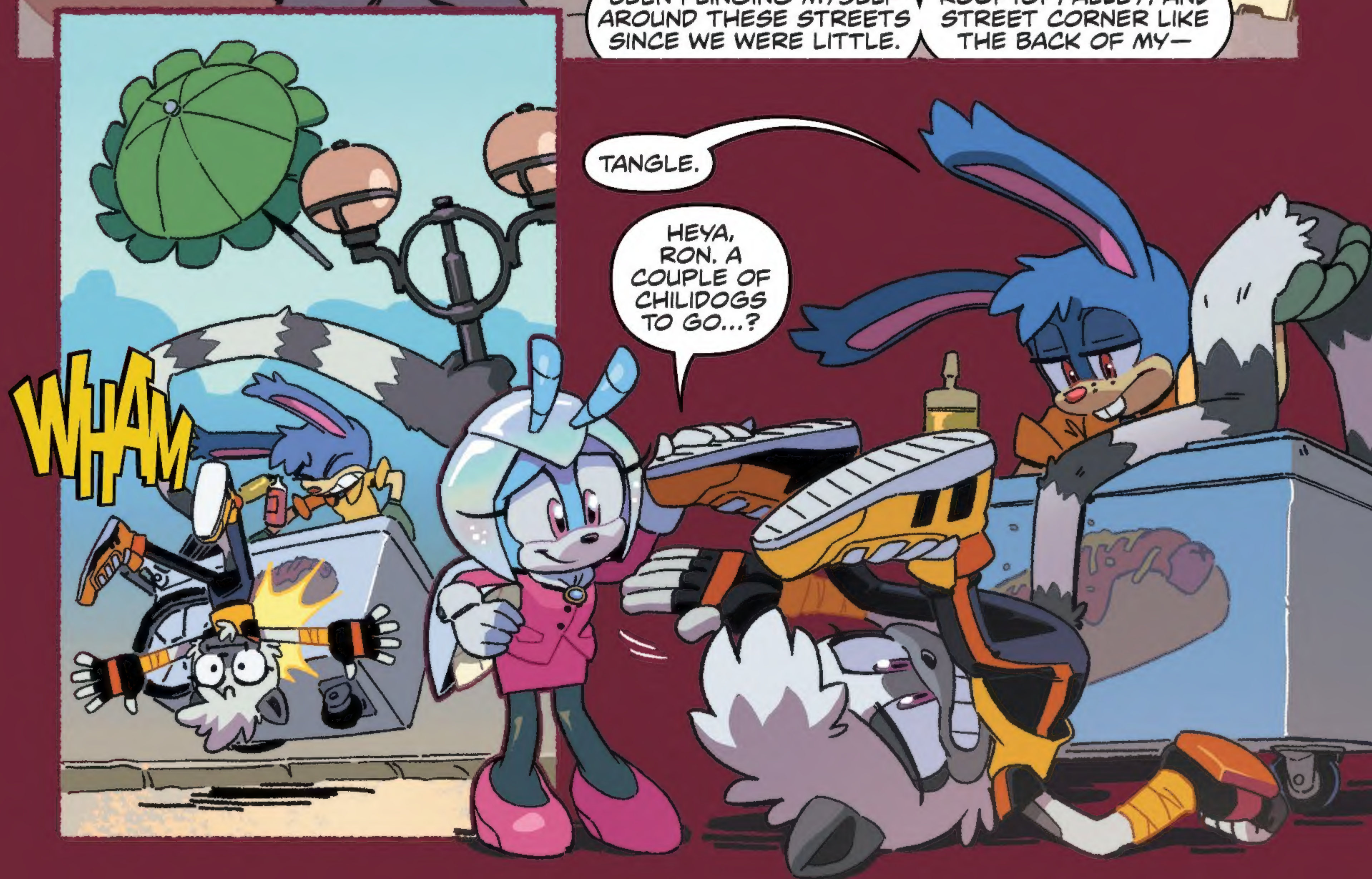
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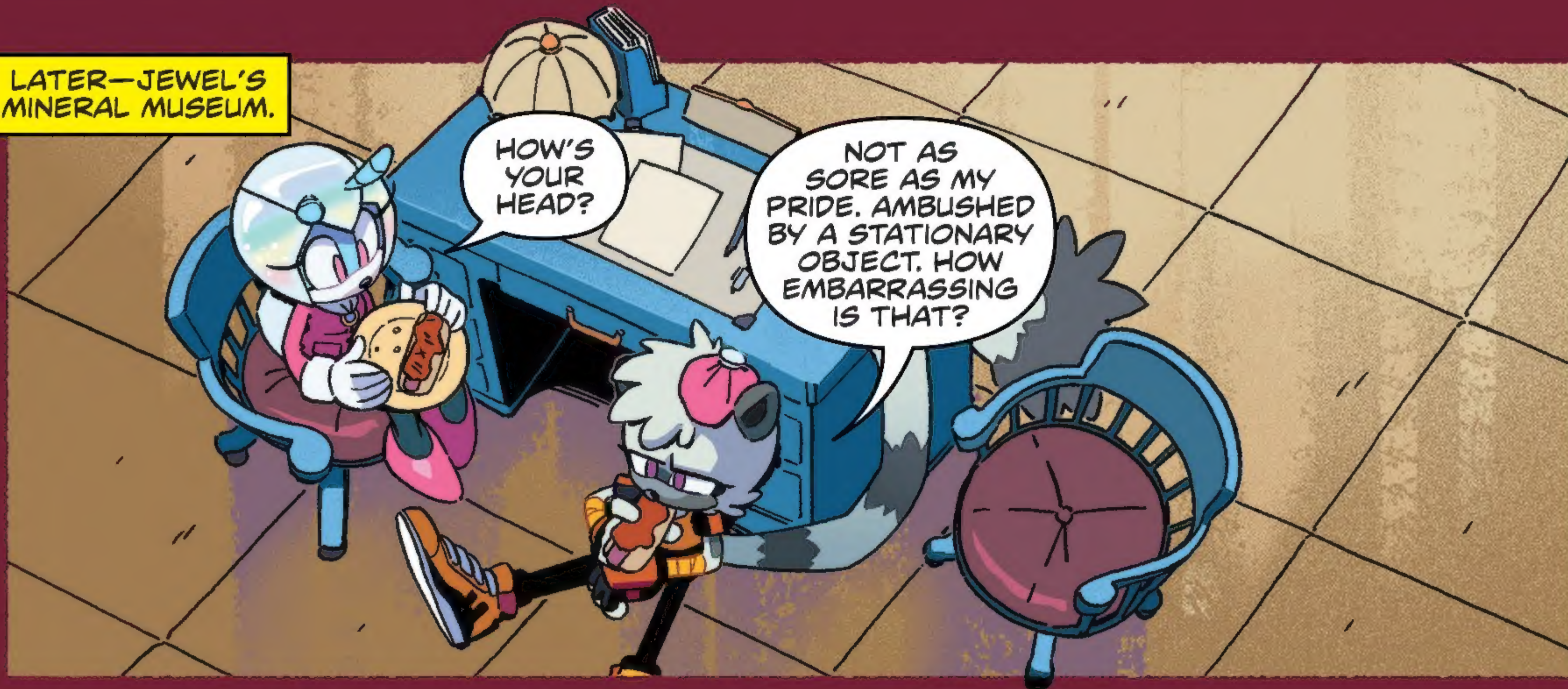


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LATER—JEWEL'S MINERAL MUSEUM.



HOW'S YOUR HEAD?

NOT AS SORE AS MY PRIDE. AMBUSHED BY A STATIONARY OBJECT. HOW EMBARRASSING IS THAT?



TO BE FAIR, IT WAS HIDING IN FRONT OF A STREET LAMP. CLEARLY IT WAS OUT TO GET YOU.

HA HA
OW HA
HA



SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN... PRECOCIOUS... BUT YOU'VE BEEN BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS LATELY.

LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.

I'M SORRY FOR BEING A PEST, IT'S JUST...

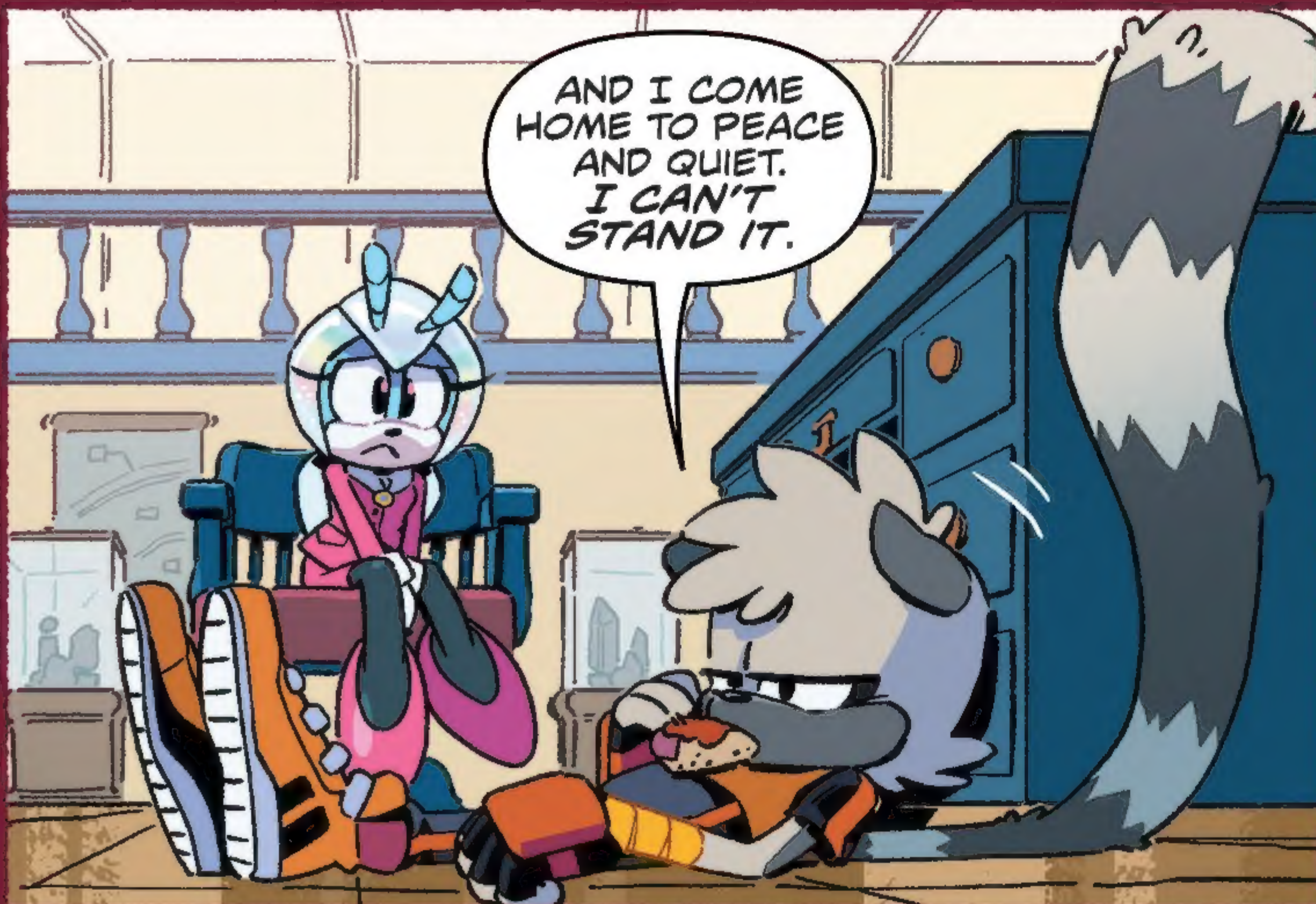


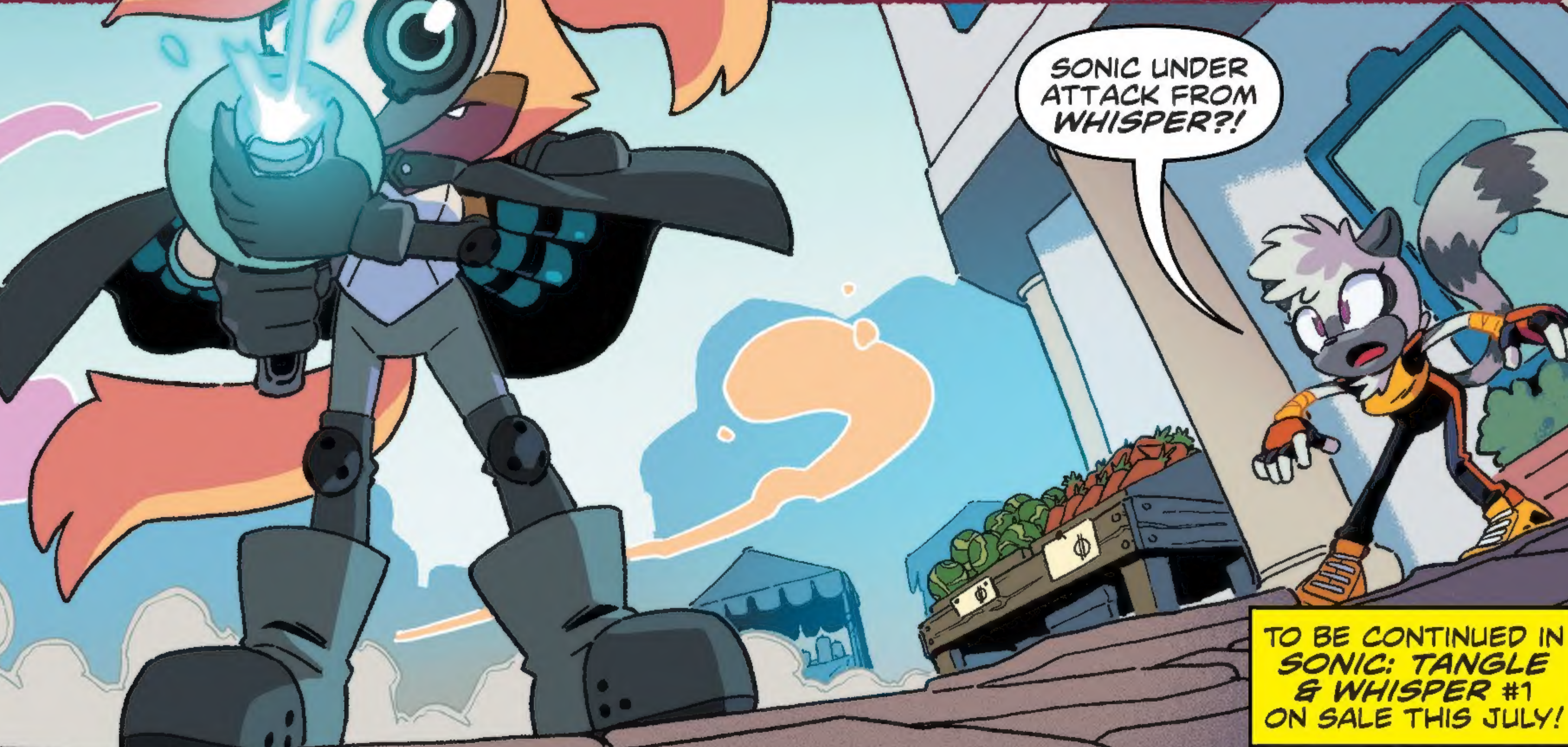
...AFTER EVERYTHING I'VE DONE WITH SONIC, THINGS ARE SO BORING HERE!

I FOUGHT ROBOT INVASIONS! FLYING BATTLE SHIPS!

I MET A FIERY PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!

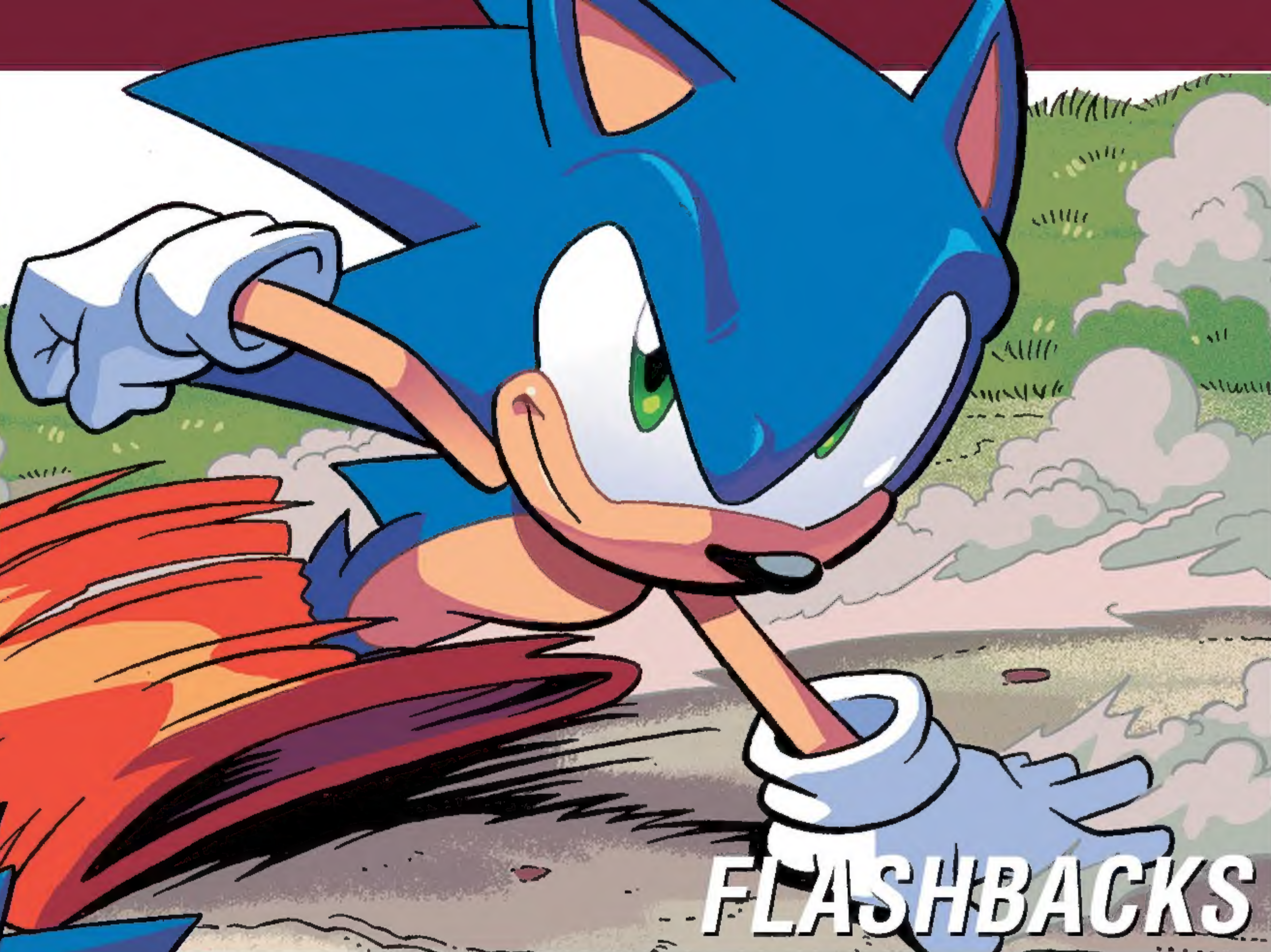
I PULLED THE WINGS OFF A GIANT ROBO-DRAGON!



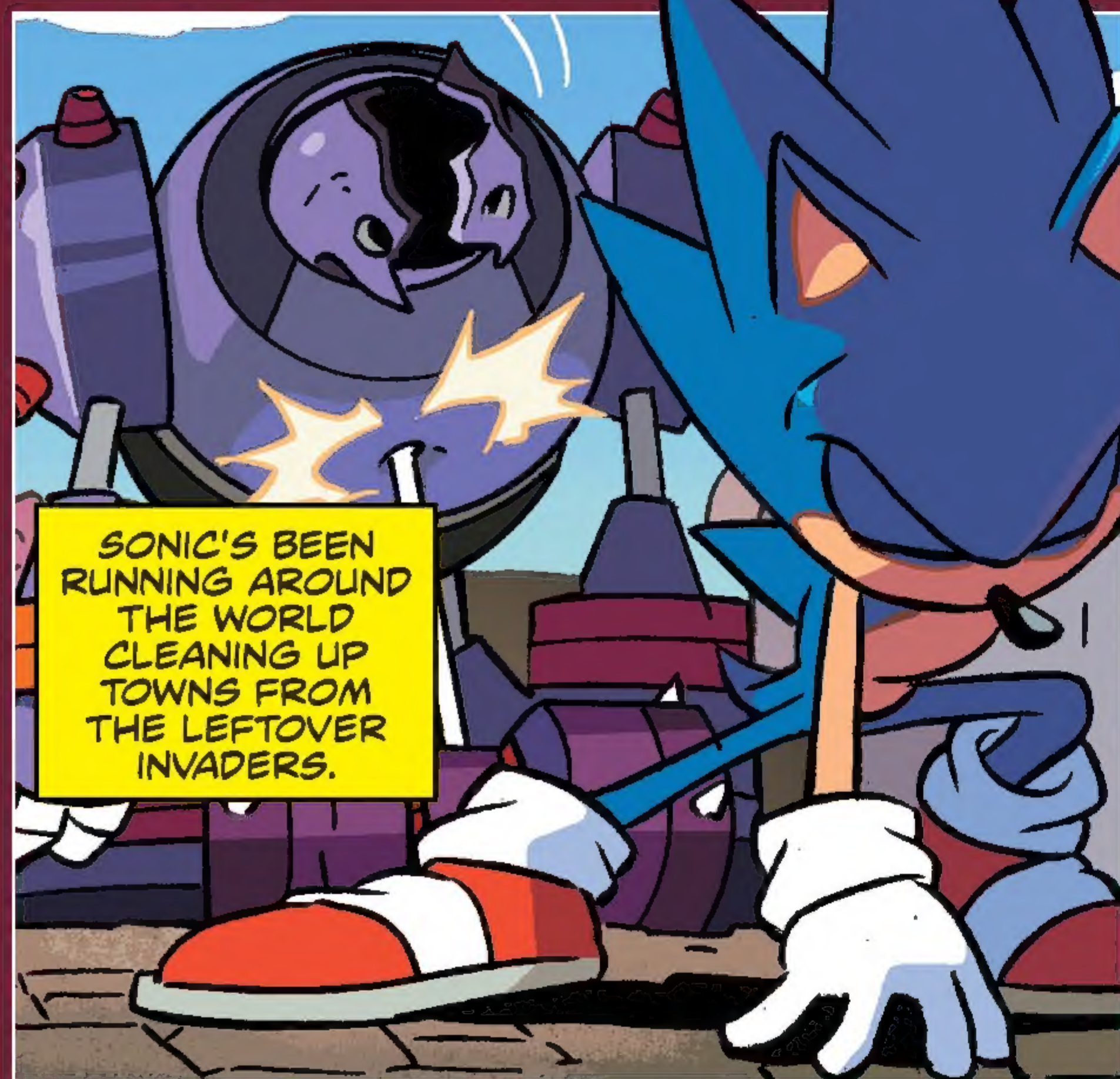


THIS IS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF HIM. THE BLUE BLUR. THE FASTEST THING IN THE WORLD. THAT DARN HEDGEHOG. A SUPER-SPEEDY HERO!

HE LOVES TO ADVENTURE, WHICH USUALLY INVOLVES KICKING THE EVIL DR. EGGMAN'S BUTT EVERY OTHER WEEK!



AFTER THEIR LAST MAJOR BATTLE, DR. EGGMAN VANISHED, BUT HIS ROBOT ARMY STUCK AROUND!



SONIC'S BEEN RUNNING AROUND THE WORLD CLEANING UP TOWNS FROM THE LEFTOVER INVADERS.

NEVER ONE TO STAY IN ONE PLACE, SONIC'S HEROISM IS AN EXTENSION OF HIS PHILOSOPHY...

IT'S WHAT I DO. JUST KEEP MOVING, DOING GOOD, SAVING FOLKS, AND LIVING AS FREE AS THE WIND.

LIVING BY MY WAY. MY OWN WAY.

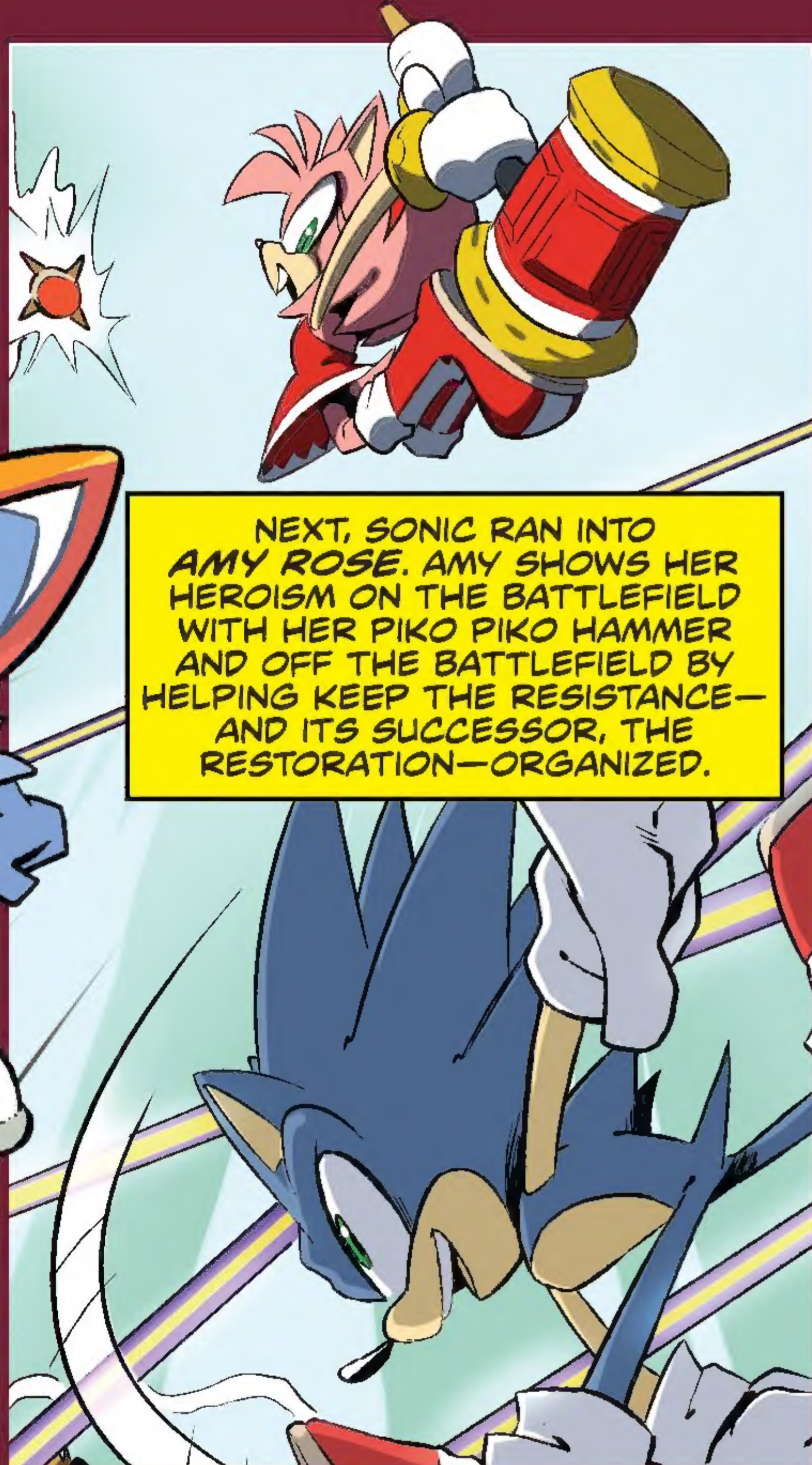


FORTUNATELY, SONIC'S HAD A LOT OF HELP FROM SOME OF HIS AMAZING FRIENDS.

FIRST, HE MET UP WITH **MILES "TAILS" PROWER**. BESIDES BEING A SUPER-GENIUS INVENTOR AND AN ACE PILOT, TAILS IS ALSO SONIC'S BEST FRIEND. TOGETHER, THEY FOUGHT OFF A GROUP OF SURPRISINGLY COORDINATED BADNIKS AND SUPER BADNIKS.



NEXT, SONIC RAN INTO **AMY ROSE**. AMY SHOWS HER HEROISM ON THE BATTLEFIELD WITH HER PIKO PIKO HAMMER AND OFF THE BATTLEFIELD BY HELPING KEEP THE RESISTANCE—AND ITS SUCCESSOR, THE RESTORATION—ORGANIZED.



AFTER THAT, IN BARRICADE CITY, SONIC MET UP WITH HIS OLD FRIENDLY RIVAL **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA**. KNUCKLES, FORMERLY THE COMMANDER OF THE RESISTANCE, SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME DEFENDING THE MASTER EMERALD ON HIS HOME, THE FLOATING **ANGEL ISLAND**.



EVEN FRIENDS LIKE **BLAZE THE CAT**, A PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION, SHOWED UP TO AID SONIC AS HE ENCOUNTERED HORDES OF BADNIKS. TOGETHER, BLAZE, SONIC, AND THEIR NEW STRETCHY-TAILED FRIEND SAVED SPIRAL HILL VILLAGE.

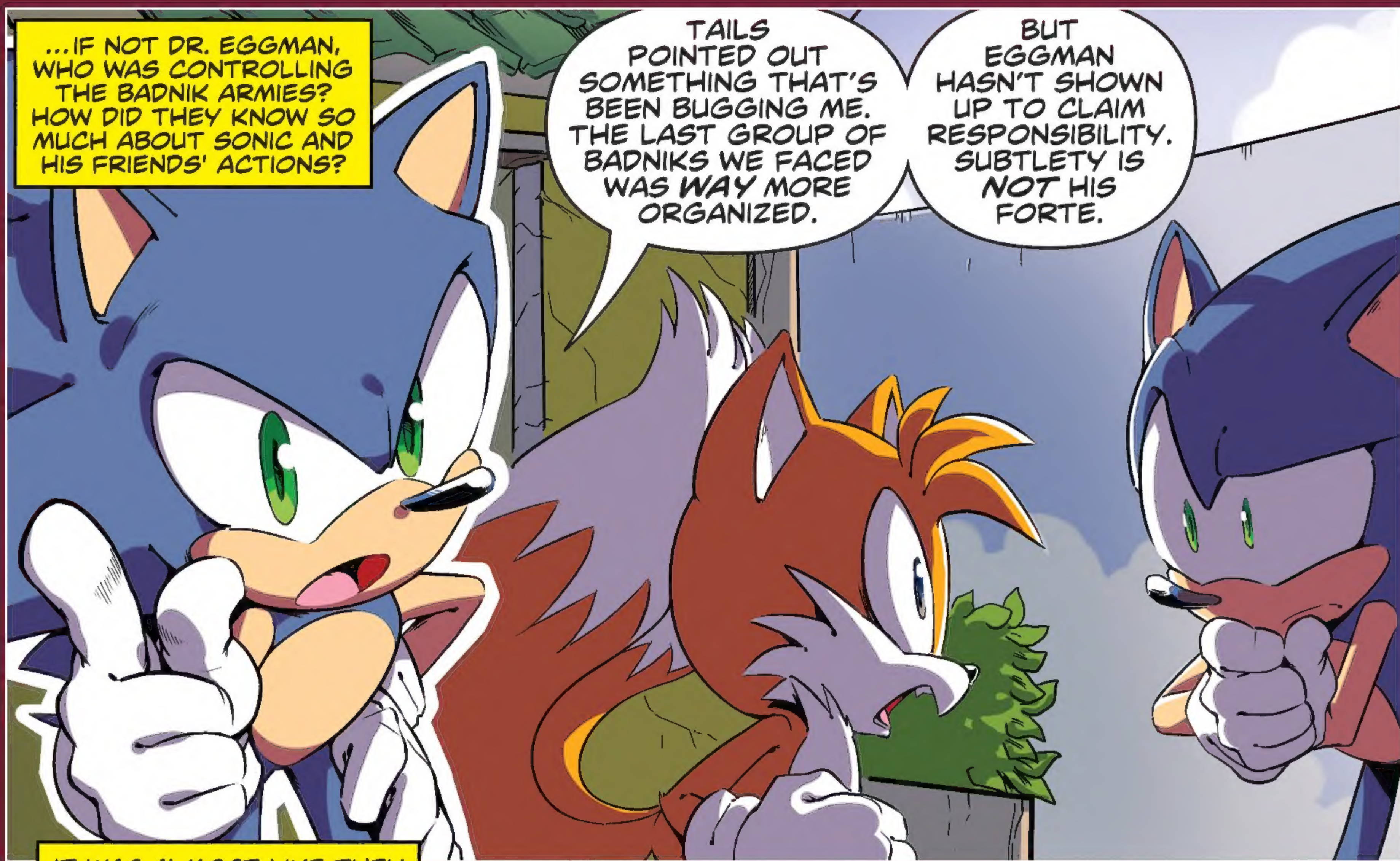


THAT'S **TANGLE THE LEMUR**.

SHE'S ALMOST AS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT BEATING UP BADNIKS AS SONIC. SHE'S EASILY EXCITABLE AND ALREADY DOING SOME GOOD IN THE WORLD.



HOWEVER, SOMETHING SEEMED OFF ABOUT ALL THESE ATTACKS...



...IF NOT DR. EGGMAN, WHO WAS CONTROLLING THE BADNIK ARMIES? HOW DID THEY KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS' ACTIONS?

TAILS POINTED OUT SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BUGGING ME. THE LAST GROUP OF BADNIKS WE FACED WAS WAY MORE ORGANIZED.

BUT EGGMAN HASN'T SHOWN UP TO CLAIM RESPONSIBILITY. SUBTLETY IS NOT HIS FORTE.

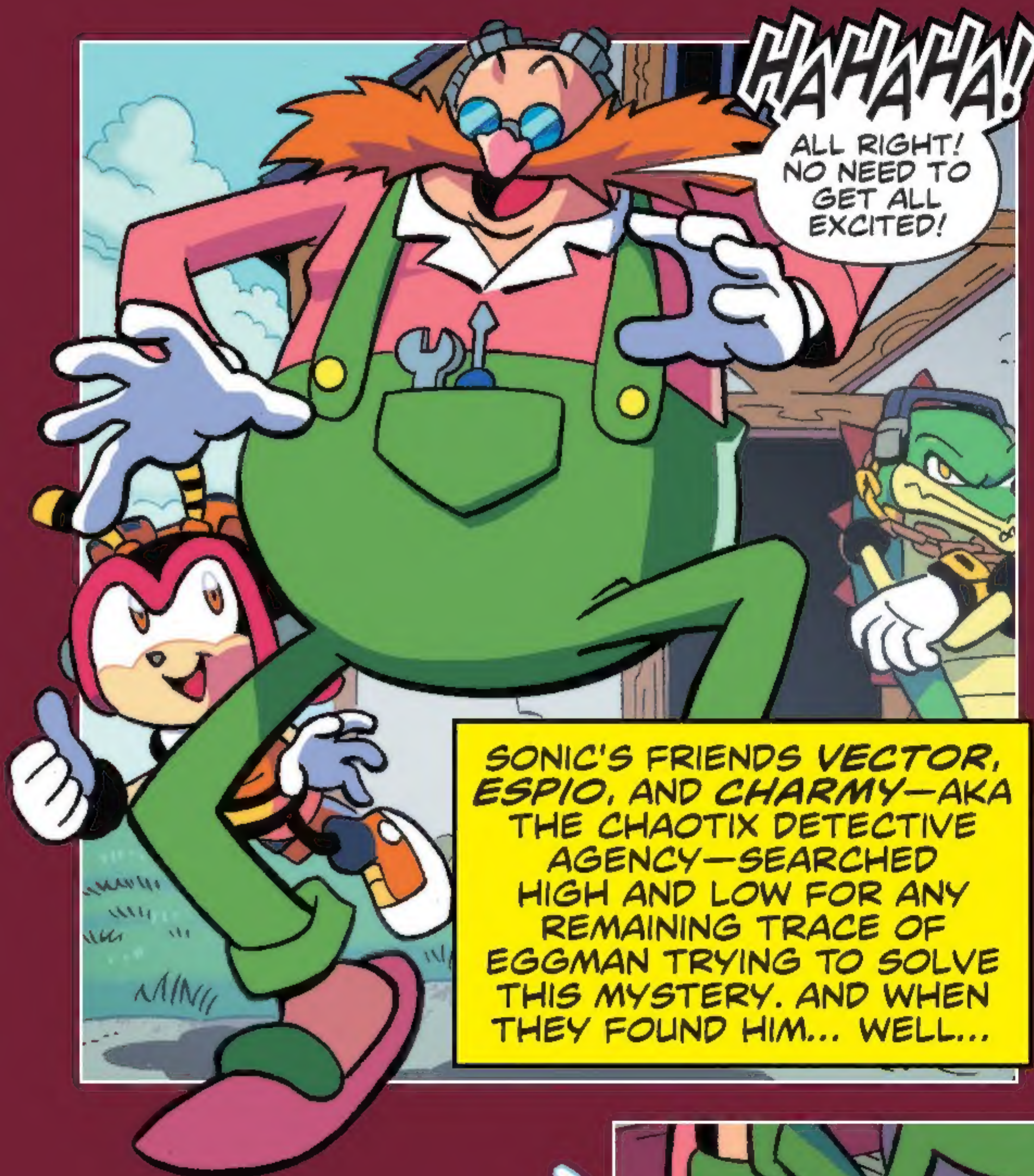
IT WAS ALMOST LIKE THEY WERE BEING WATCHED...



...ALL TO FURTHER SOME GREATER GOAL.

THAT MEANS *ANGEL ISLAND* IS UNGUARDED. THE MASTER EMERALD IS PRONE.

THAT WILL ACCELERATE MY PLANS CONSIDERABLY...



HAHAHA!

ALL RIGHT!
NO NEED TO
GET ALL
EXCITED!

HOW DO YOU DO?
THEY CALL ME
"MR. TINKER."



THOUGH IT
SEEMED EGGMAN
MAY BE FAKING
HIS MEMORY LOSS,
SOMETHING ABOUT
THE WAY HE
REACTED TO HIS
OWN BADNIKS
SEEMED GENUINE...

MR. TINKER
WAS TRYING TO
PROTECT PEOPLE!
THE FORMER
VILLAIN HAD TRULY
TURNED OVER A
NEW LEAF.

SONIC'S FRIENDS VECTOR,
ESPIO, AND CHARMY—AKA
THE CHAOTIX DETECTIVE
AGENCY—SEARCHED
HIGH AND LOW FOR ANY
REMAINING TRACE OF
EGGMAN TRYING TO SOLVE
THIS MYSTERY. AND WHEN
THEY FOUND HIM... WELL...

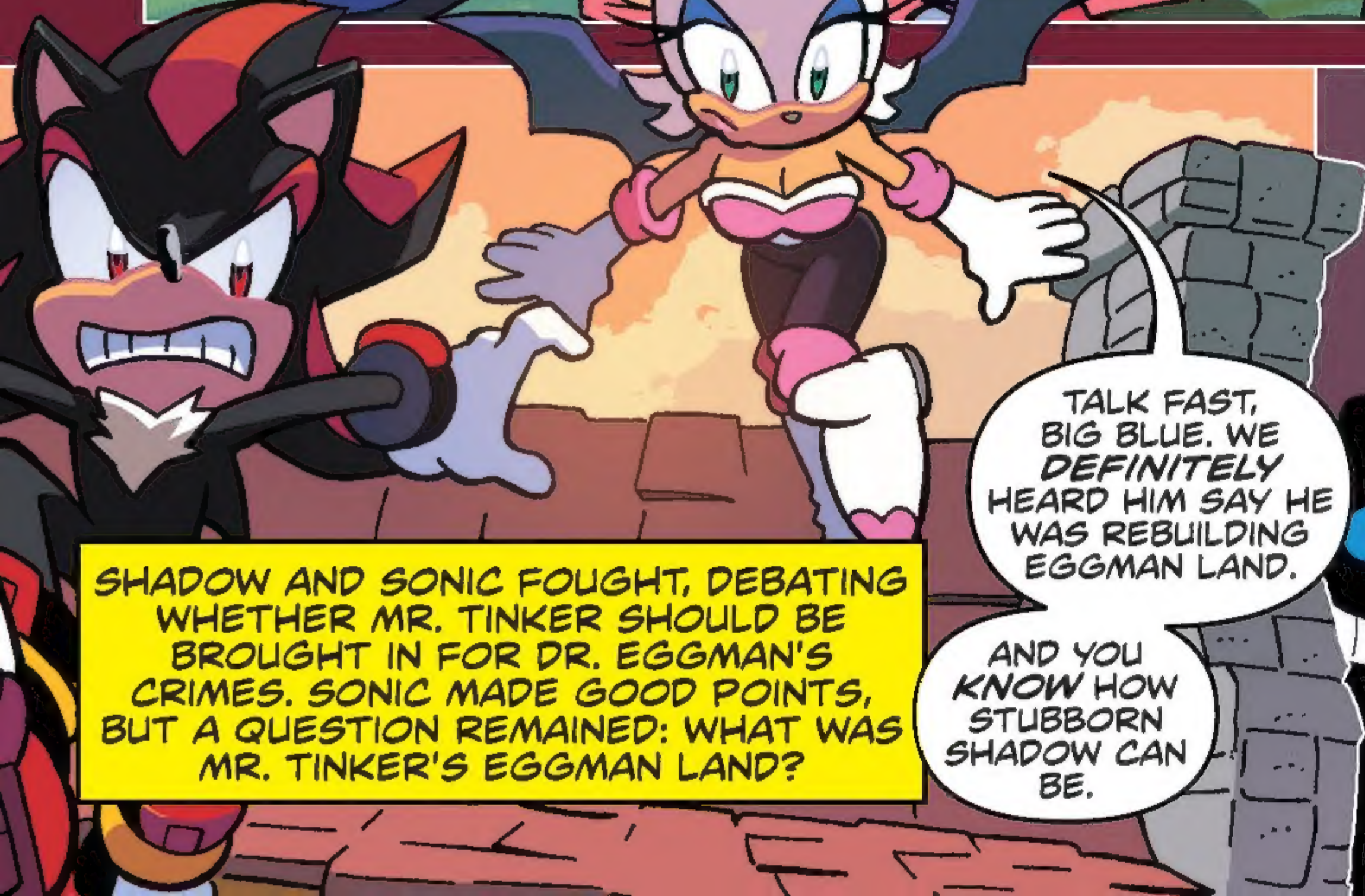


IT'LL
BE OKAY,
EVERYONE! THE
CHAOTIX ARE
HERE! THEY'LL
PROTECT
US!

UNFORTUNATELY,
SONIC WASN'T
THE ONLY ONE
SEARCHING FOR
EGGMAN, AND
SHADOW AND
ROUGE HAD TO
SHOW UP AT JUST
THE WRONG TIME...



HOLD ON,
SHADOW! THIS
ISN'T WHAT IT
LOOKS LIKE!



SHADOW AND SONIC FOUGHT, DEBATING
WHETHER MR. TINKER SHOULD BE
BROUGHT IN FOR DR. EGGMAN'S
CRIMES. SONIC MADE GOOD POINTS,
BUT A QUESTION REMAINED: WHAT WAS
MR. TINKER'S EGGMAN LAND?

TALK FAST,
BIG BLUE. WE
DEFINITELY
HEARD HIM SAY HE
WAS REBUILDING
EGGMAN LAND.

AND YOU
KNOW HOW
STUBBORN
SHADOW CAN
BE.

**TAH-
DAAH...?**

EGGMAN LA

EVERYONE WAS
SURPRISED TO SEE
EGGMAN LAND TURN
OUT TO BE AN
AMUSEMENT PARK. BY
ALL INDICATIONS, THIS
TRULY WAS A NEW
PERSON—HIS EGGMAN
PERSONALITY FULLY
GONE.



WELL-WELL-
WELL! WHAT A
SURPRISE!

STILL, SOMEONE WAS CONTROLLING THE EGGMAN
EMPIRE, AND SONIC WAS DETERMINED TO FIND OUT WHO.



INFILTRATING AN
EGG CARRIER, HE
WAS SHOCKED TO
FIND EGGMAN! BUT
THAT COULDN'T
POSSIBLY BE
EGGMAN, COULD IT?

I KNEW
IT WAS ONLY A
MATTER OF TIME
BEFORE YOU SHOWED
UP TO SPOIL MY FUN. I
JUST DIDN'T REALIZE YOU'D
COME ALL THE WAY UP
HERE TO FIND ME!

"BUT I SERVE
THE EGGMAN
EMPIRE. THE ONLY
ONE WHO CAN
TRULY RULE IT IS
DR. EGGMAN.

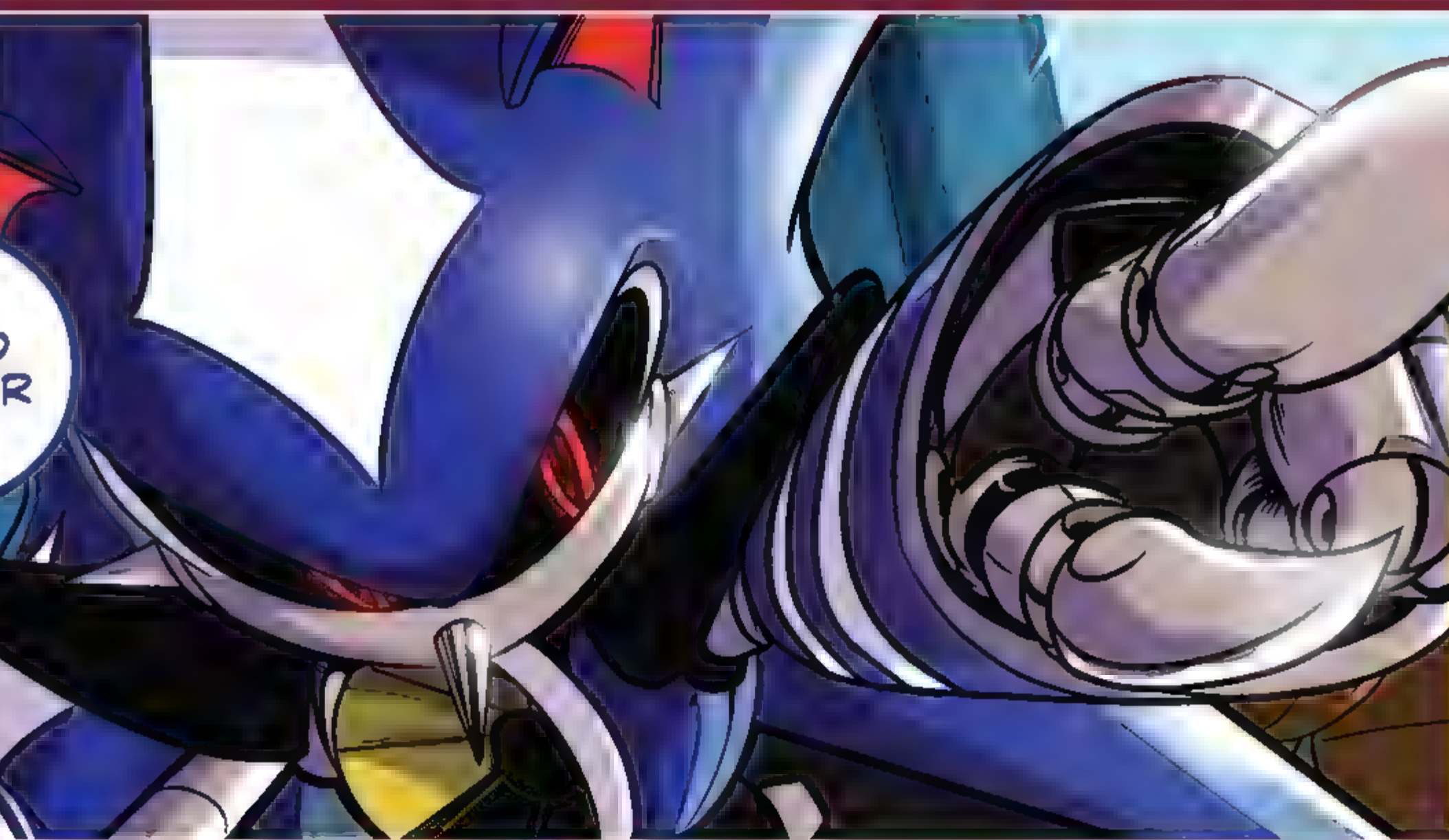


NEO METAL SONIC—THE
EMPOWERED FORM OF METAL
SONIC—HAD REPLACED EGGMAN
TO COMMAND HIS FLEET AND
CREATE THE ILLUSION THAT
THE BAD DOCTOR HAD NEVER
DISAPPEARED.

"I DECIDED I WOULD
USE HIS PERSONA TO
ENSURE HIS REIGN
REMAINED UNBROKEN."

I WILL CONQUER
THE WORLD FOR
EGGMAN AS
EGGMAN.

AND YOU
WILL TELL ME
WHERE HE IS SO
I MAY HAND OVER
CONTROL TO
HIM.



BY USING
EGGMAN'S
BIO-SIGNATURE,
NEO METAL SONIC
UPGRADED HIMSELF
TO A TRUE THREAT—
AND, WITH HIS
NEWFOUND
INTELLIGENCE,
HATCHED A NEW
PLAN FOR WORLD
DOMINATION.

KNOWING MORE OF NEO
METAL SONIC'S GOAL, IT
WAS UP TO SONIC TO
ESCAPE WITHOUT GIVING
UP ANY INFORMATION
ABOUT MR. TINKER...

NOT THAT SONIC
COULDN'T HAVE TAKEN
NEO METAL SONIC DOWN.
THE RETREAT WAS
STRATEGIC—BETTER TO
FIGURE OUT EXACTLY
WHAT HE WAS DOING
AND CALL IN BACK-UP
IF NEEDED.

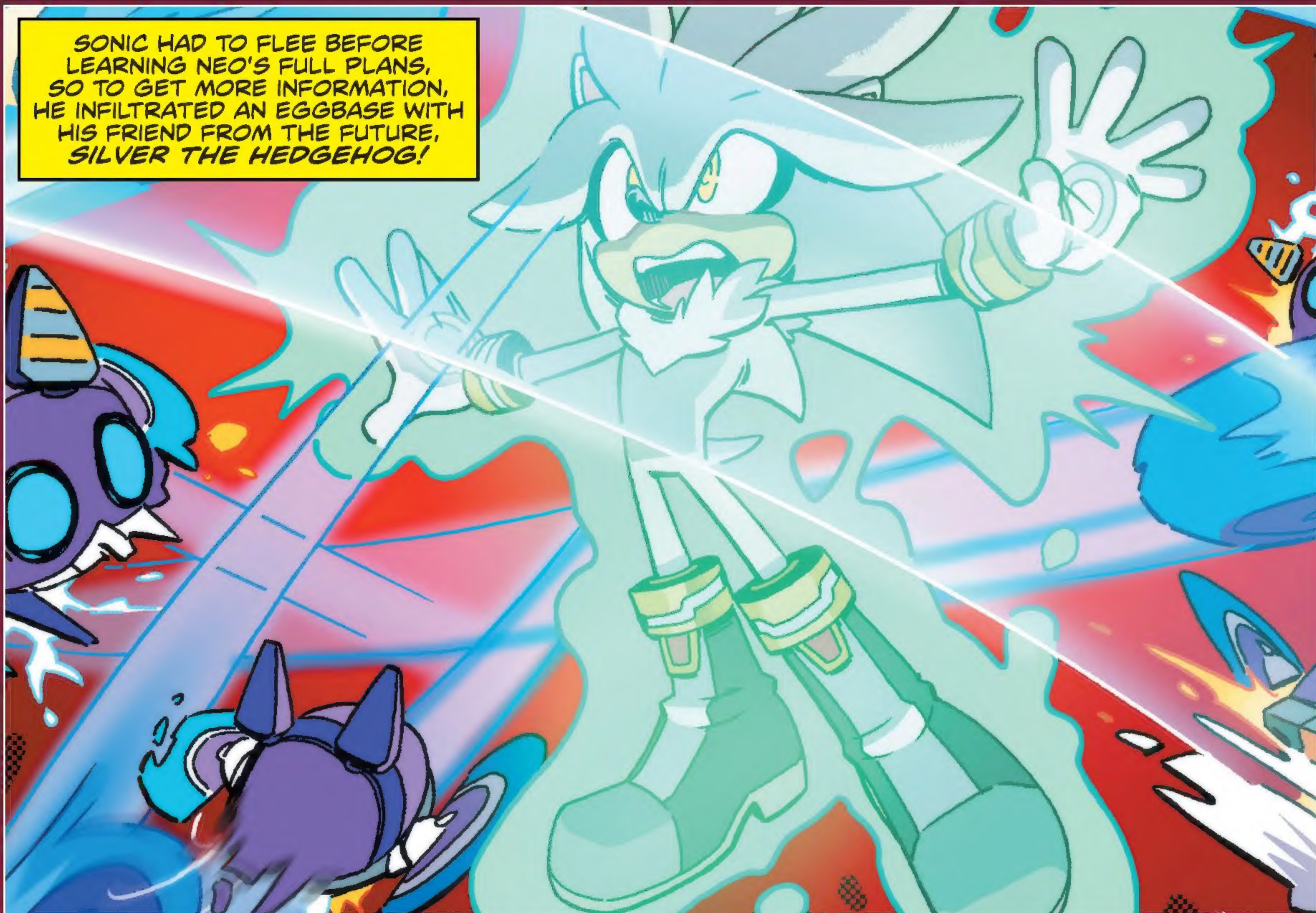


BUT I
HAVE WON TODAY.
I KNOW EGGMAN
IS ALIVE WHILE YOU
HAVE LEARNED
NOTHING OF MY
PLANS.

KEEP US
IN THE AIR AND
ON COURSE. WE
RENDEZVOUS WITH
THE FLEET ON
SCHEDULE.

OF COURSE, PERHAPS
SONIC GETTING AWAY
WAS JUST WHAT NEO
METAL SONIC WANTED...

SONIC HAD TO FLEE BEFORE LEARNING NEO'S FULL PLANS, SO TO GET MORE INFORMATION, HE INFILTRATED AN EGGBASE WITH HIS FRIEND FROM THE FUTURE, SILVER THE HEDGEHOG!

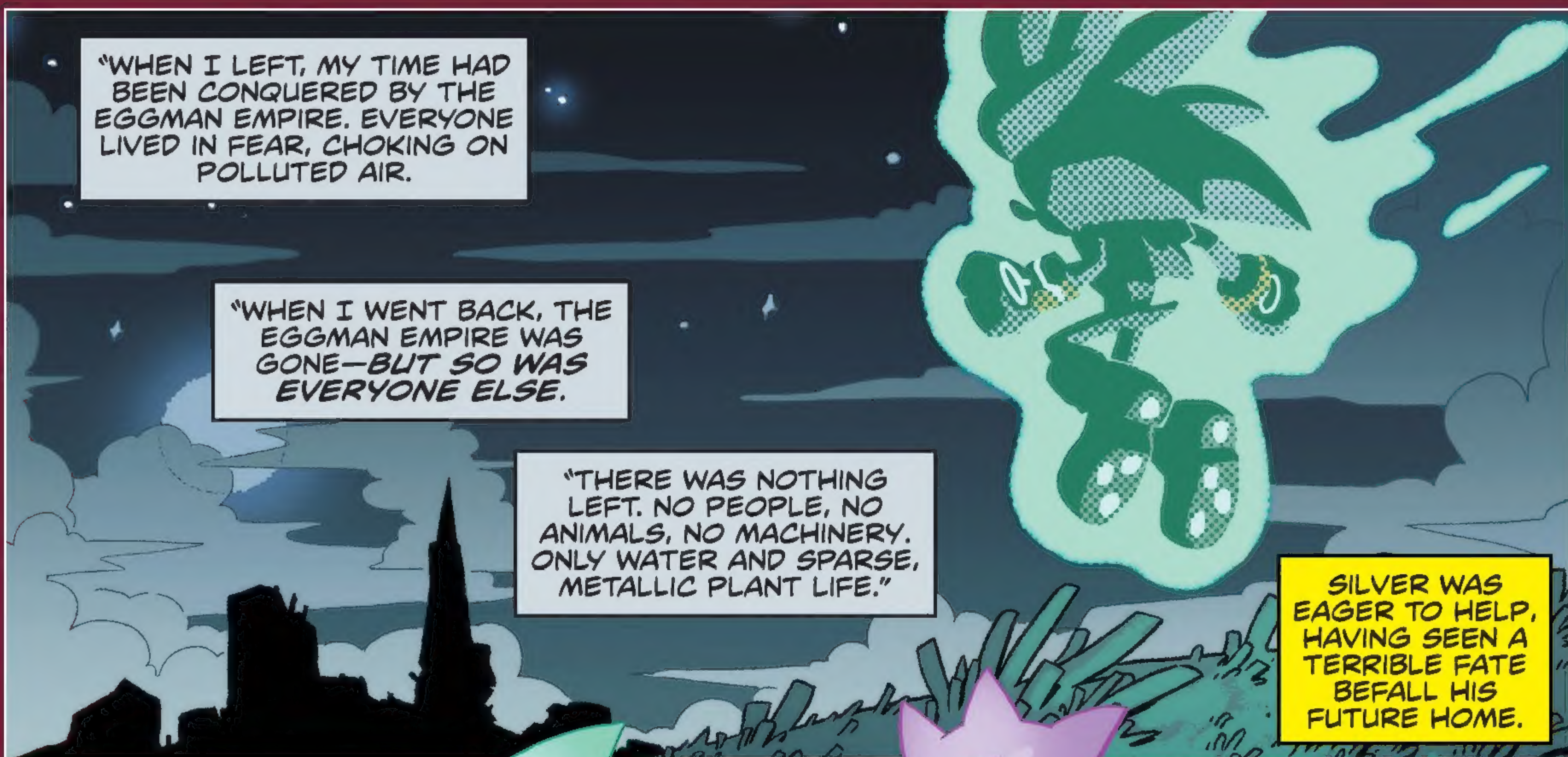


"WHEN I LEFT, MY TIME HAD BEEN CONQUERED BY THE EGGMAN EMPIRE. EVERYONE LIVED IN FEAR, CHOKING ON POLLUTED AIR."

"WHEN I WENT BACK, THE EGGMAN EMPIRE WAS GONE—BUT SO WAS EVERYONE ELSE."

"THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT. NO PEOPLE, NO ANIMALS, NO MACHINERY. ONLY WATER AND SPARSE, METALLIC PLANT LIFE."

SILVER WAS EAGER TO HELP, HAVING SEEN A TERRIBLE FATE BEFALL HIS FUTURE HOME.



WHILE ON THE MISSION, SONIC AND SILVER ENCOUNTERED ANOTHER NEW ALLY—WHISPER THE WOLF, A SNIPER WITH A SPECIAL WISPON AND VERY SPECIAL WISPS.



SHE HELPED THEM TAKE DOWN THE REMAINING BADNIKS IN THE BASE AND HACK INTO THE COMPUTER, REVEALING NEO'S PLANS...



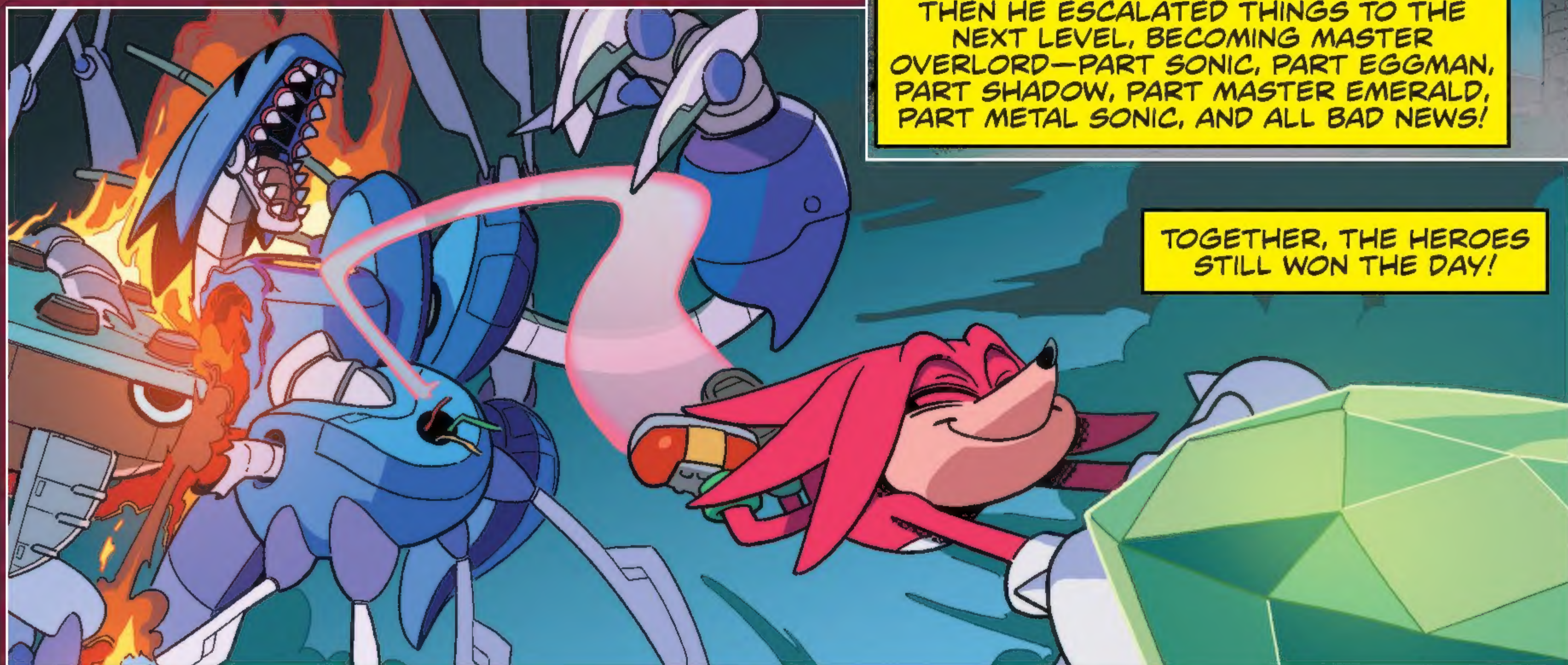
NEO HAD HIS EYE ON ANGEL ISLAND AND THE MASTER EMERALD. SO, SONIC PUT OUT THE CALL AND GATHERED ALL THE HEROES HE COULD TO FIGHT THE THREAT.



NEO WAS TWO STEPS AHEAD OF THEM THOUGH. USING THE POWER OF THE MASTER EMERALD, HE UPGRADED HIMSELF AGAIN TO SUPER NEO METAL SONIC.



THEN HE ESCALATED THINGS TO THE NEXT LEVEL, BECOMING MASTER OVERLORD—PART SONIC, PART EGGMAN, PART SHADOW, PART MASTER EMERALD, PART METAL SONIC, AND ALL BAD NEWS!



TOGETHER, THE HEROES STILL WON THE DAY!



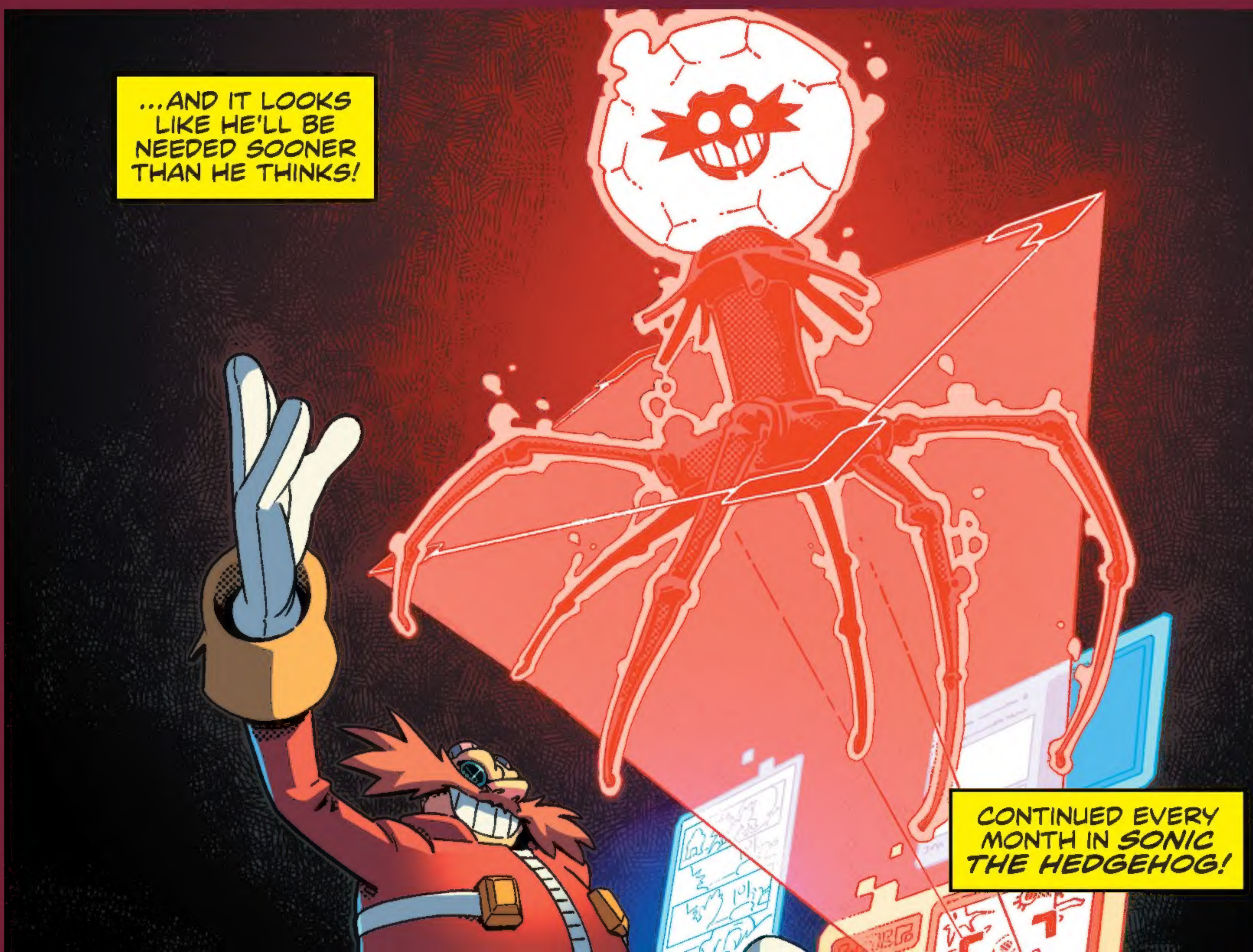
ALL'S WELL THAT
ENDS WELL. NEO
WAS DEFEATED.
MR. TINKER'S SAFE
AND SOUND.



WITH MOST
OF SONIC'S
ENEMIES OUT OF
COMMISSION,
MAYBE HE'LL
FINALLY GET
TO RELAX.



OF COURSE, WHEN NEW
VILLAINS DO ARISE,
SONIC WILL BE THERE...



...AND IT LOOKS
LIKE HE'LL BE
NEEDED SOONER
THAN HE THINKS!

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MONTH IN **SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG!**



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